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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of:  
Lee *et al.*

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

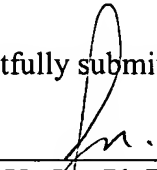
This response is filed in reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed September 2, 2005, in connection with the above application. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-36, *with traverse*, on the following grounds.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement on the basis that Groups I and II are so closely related and they share common features that would facilitate searching both groups at once. For example, when searching for the subject matter of the elected Group I claims 4-6, the Examiner will necessarily search for the subject matter of the Group II claims. Therefore, a search and examination of all pending claims can be made without imposing additional serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. **18-1945**, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw, under Order No. **EPTM-P03-001**.

Dated: October 3, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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